

GERMAN OFFICERS TURN ABOUT AND ACT AS HOSTS

Fighting Men Transform Grim Ships of War Into Dancing Pavilions and Roof Gardens.

SAILORS AT CONEY ISLAND

Feature of Evening Cornelius Vanderbilt's Dinner at New York Yacht Club—Mayor Praised Visitors.

The visiting German officers became hosts yesterday and turned the squat and grim Moltke and her sister ships, the Bremen and the Stettin, into flower-decked dancing pavilions and reception halls. The visiting sailors continued in the role of guests, however, and with their brethren of the American escorting squadron went down to Coney Island, where they had the freedom of the resort.

Luncheons were given by the German officers on all three of their ships for the men and women who have been entertaining them, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the guests and officers from the Bremen and the Stettin repaired to the spacious decks of the Moltke, where Rear Admiral von Rebeur-Paschwitz and his officers gave a reception and dance.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, former commodore of the New York Yacht Club, entertained the German ranking officers and their official hosts at a dinner in the commodore's room at that club last night, which was followed by a reception and supper, to which all the German officers not on duty were invited.

The admiral's reception on board the Moltke furnished one of the most picturesque features that have ever been seen on the river. That powerful warship's quarter and gun decks were changed over into good imitations of pavilion and roof garden, respectively, and the crowd of visiting men and women were laid in their prides of the transformation.

Flags and bunting over mattresses and pillows covered every hatch and other obstruction that could not be removed from the quarter deck of the Moltke and transformed them into comfortable lounges and settees. The deck was hollystoned to spotless whiteness and waxed to perfection and the rail and what stays and uprights protruded were covered with evergreens. Awnings stretched not only over the deck but along the sides, so that the dancing pavilion was sheltered from both sun and wind.

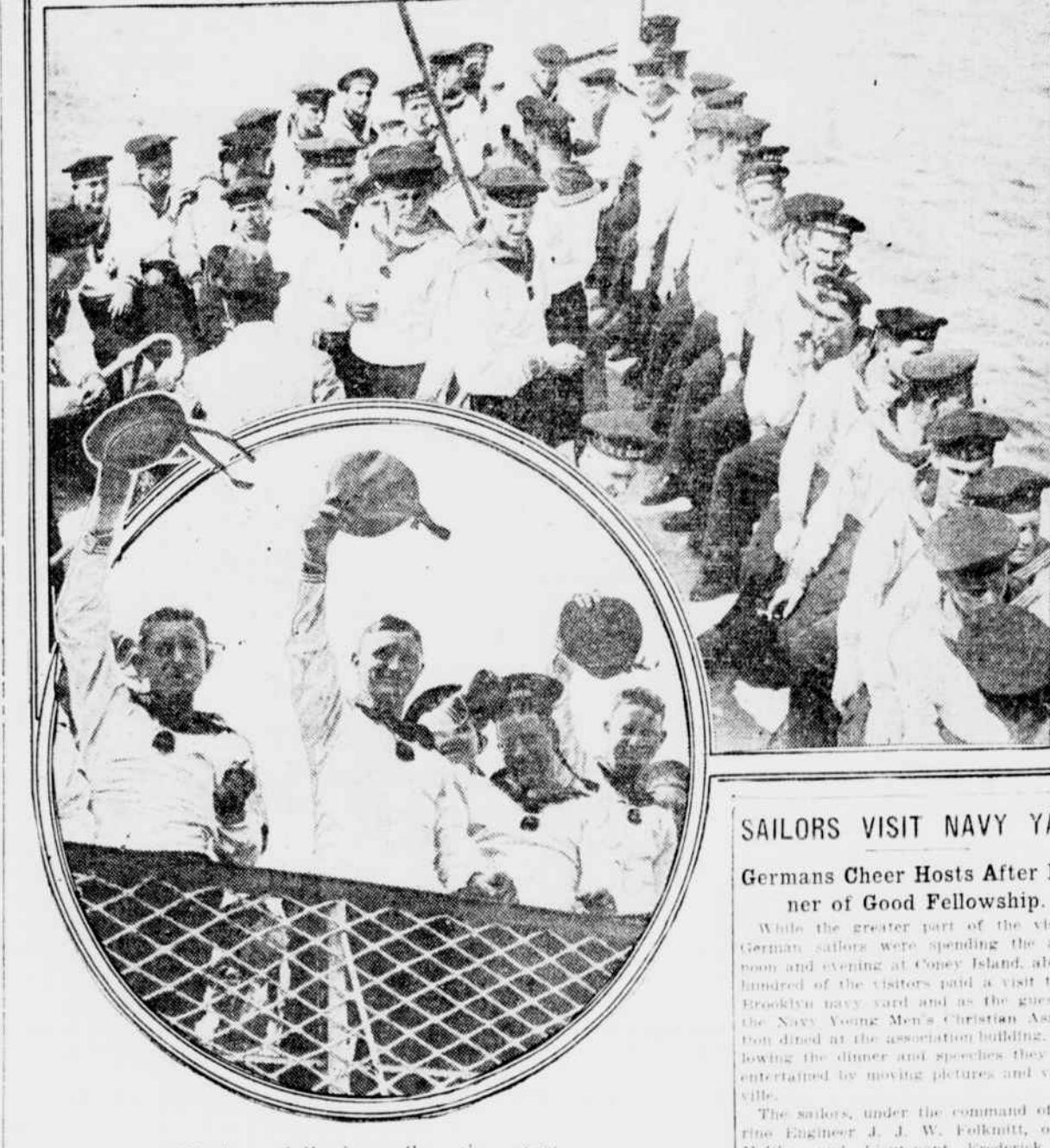
Gun Deck Open to Sky.

Above and forward on the gun deck the decorations of flags, bunting and flowers worked equal wonders. This deck was left open to the sky, a real roof garden, and tables and chairs were scattered about in profusion for the guests to use while partaking of refreshments. The waiters were the sailors, so there was no trouble on that score.

Admiral von Paschwitz's luncheon guests included the Mayor, Dr. Kurt Ziegler, the acting German Consul; Captain Albert Gleaves, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard; Seth Low, Adolph Kuttrotz, Herman Ridder, Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Elmer E. Brown, Cornelius Vanderbilt, James Speyer, C. Ledyard Blair, Dr. Edward Haganam Hall, J. P. Morgan, Jr., Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss and Rear Admiral Winslow, of the American squadron.

Aboard the Bremen Freigettankapitan Seehofen entertained at luncheon Vice Consul Kruske, Theodore Sato, Jacob H. Schiff, Paul M. Warburg, R. A. C. Smith, Hugo Reisinger and others, while Freigettankapitan von Krosigk, on the Stettin, had as his guests John Purroy Mitchel, president of the Board of Aldermen; General Howard Carroll, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. Otto von Schenck, Edward B. Adams, William B. Lord, Eric Hosenfelder, Carl von Heimolt, Captain J. A. Hoogewerff of the Kansas and others.

Took to Kaiser Wilhelm and to President Taft were drunk at all three luncheons, although formal speechmaking was not in evidence. Mayor Gaynor spoke a few informal words of greeting aboard the Moltke and Admiral von Paschwitz responded with a brief address of thanks. A cable message from the Kaiser, addressed to the German Queen of New York, in response to its message of greeting when the squadron arrived, was translated and read at the luncheon on the Moltke, as follows:



Waving a jolly farewell as they start.

leaving their visit in New York and whether they might be likely to desert in any great numbers, the admiral laughed as he replied, "No, not unless you treat our sailors too well."

The gangway of the Moltke were not available for public launches yesterday afternoon while the reception was in progress. The launches from the other German vessels and from the Moltke's launches were used with the Moltke's launches to transport the invited guests to and from the shore. Owners of public launches got all the trade they could handle, however, with the announcement that they would take passengers on a cruise around the German boats, one of these being boats, loaded with about twenty sightseers, got far closer to the steel sides of the big German flagship during the afternoon, and with the swirl of the tide and a temporary accident to her steering gear the little launch tried to ram the Moltke hard on.

Moltke's Launches Aid Boat.

No one on the Moltke noticed any particular jar, but the launch began to spread in her seams a trifle, and two of the Moltke's own launches went to the aid of the boat. They took off a few of her passengers to lighten the load, and then towed her in to shore, no one suffering from anything more than wet feet from the small amount of water that seeped in through the spread seams of the public launch.

On his return to the City Hall Mayor Gaynor gave his opinion on the German sailor as he had seen him during the last two days.

"I have now met all the officers of the German squadron," said the Mayor, "and also the men. Of course, the admiral is an accomplished gentleman and a master in his profession. And the same is relatively true of the captains and the other officers. But the men you want to hear about: They are the finest lot of fellows I ever saw. Every one of them looks as tough as whalebone, yes, as tough as steel. They are simply bone and muscle. And let me tell you that every one of them is a German. They are not made up of different nationalities. Every one of them is a German in mind with the pride of fighting men if necessary. That is what I told the admiral in my speech."

Officers at New York Yacht Club.

Cornelius Vanderbilt's dinner and reception for the visiting Germans and their hosts at the New York Yacht Club was the feature of the evening's entertainment.

The table at which the dinner guests sat in the commodore's room was shaped,

and in the bowl of the T-shaped

shaped pedestal bearing some of the trophies of the club and many that had been won by Mr. Vanderbilt's racing boats.

The place of honor among these trophies was given to the German Emperor's Cup, which was won by ex-Commander Wilson Marshall's schooner Albatross in 1865. It was offered as prize by Kaiser Wilhelm II in a race from New York to The Lizard, and the competition was open to all nations. There were eleven starters. In the club's model room which followed the dinner hall, the trophy was carried to the dining room of the Young Men's Christian Association, where it was exhibited by moving pictures and candle light.

The visiting sailors under the command of Marine Engineer J. J. W. Folkmitt, of the Moltke, and Lieutenant Frederick Eickemeyer of the Stettin, left their ships and started for the navy yard about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The men boarded two government tugs, but through some mistake on the part of those who made the arrangements, the detachment under the command of Lieutenant Eickemeyer was carried to Coney Island and arrived somewhat late for the festivities.

The visiting sailors were received at one of the navy yard docks by a crowd of American bluejackets, the German sailors jumped to their feet, threw hats in the air and gave three "Hohoho"s that threatened to raise the roof.

Not to be outdone, the three American youngsters in charge put their heads together, and as a result Eustis Kerley, of the Louisiana, made a little speech, which ended with the declaration under the command of a pretty compliment to the Germans. This was the cue for the five hundred American sailors to give the German men of the sea three cheers that echoed the loudest of the German shouts and that wound up with a yell, a whoop and a long-drawn-out cheer.

Now, Eustis Kerley was graduated from Annapolis last June. His two brother officers ranked him in seniority. So when he returned to his table to finish his coffee he asked why the honor had been given to him.

"Because you're the youngest," said Eustis Kerley, of the South Carolina.

"And also because you're the handsomest," added Eustis Strickland, of the Kansas.

And after the dinner the speeches were all over the saloons departed to use up the stubs of ten tickets which each man had received. Each ticket was good for one glass of beer in any of half a dozen saloons on the island.

This, of course, suggests a highly academic question: Are ten beers enough for a sailor? After much discussion by those most concerned it was decided in the negative, for on the way down the Bay the many kegs of beer on the two old sidewheelers were emptied before Norton's Point was reached.

ACCUSES AGENT OF S. P. C. A.

Mounted Patrolman Has Him Arrested for Intoxication.

Charles A. Kemp, an agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was arraigned in Morrisania court before Magistrate Frost yesterday, charged by Mounted Patrolman O'Brien of the West Chester station, with intoxication, disorderly conduct and using vile and abusive language. O'Brien says Kemp was drunk when he met him on May 31 and asked him to arrest William Gerrity, a grocer who, Kemp said, had assaulted him, but the patrolman said he had no authority to do so without a warrant.

O'Brien says Kemp then cursed him, was defended by Senator Dr. J. M. Wainwright, counsel for the society, and forty witnesses were present to testify to the agent's sobriety and good reputation, among them Colonel Alfred Wakeman, president of the society. The examination was continued until to-day, when O'Brien will produce other witnesses.

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San Francisco, China via Seattle.

Solo Mart, Japan, China, Philipines, etc.

Hawail, Japan, China, Philipines, etc.

Tahiti, Marquesas, Cook Islands, etc.

Panama, San Juan, etc.

Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, etc.

Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, etc.

Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, etc.

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